

Application No. 10/085,333
Amendment dated December 15, 2003
Reply to Office Action of December 8, 2003

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 8-11, 23-26, and 29-35 are pending in the application. The Examiner has allowed Claims 8-11, 23-26, and 29-35. Claims 1-7, 12-22, and 27-28 are hereby cancelled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to take up examination of Claims 1-7, 12-22, and 27-28 in a continuing application.

Claim Rejections – U.S.C. §102

Applicants have cancelled Claims 1, and 12-14 rendering moot the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. §102 rejection of these claims. Applicants hereby cancel these claims without prejudice and reserve the right to take up examination of these claims in a continuing application.

Claim Rejections – U.S.C. §103

Applicants have cancelled Claims 2, 12-14 and 27 rendering moot the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. §103 rejection of these claims. Applicants hereby cancel these claims without prejudice and reserve the right to take up examination of the cancelled claims in a continuing application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that Claims 8-11, 23-26 and 29-35 are allowed. Because only Claims 8-11, 23-26, and 29-35 remain pending in the application, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

In the event Applicant has overlooked the need for an extension of time or payment of fee, Applicant hereby petitions therefor and authorizes that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 02-0385, BAKER & DANIELS.

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If any questions concerning this application should arise, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at 219/424-8000.

Respectfully submitted,

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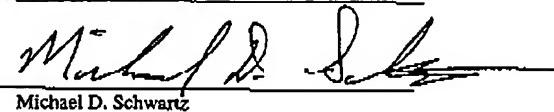
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